

## *Charter*

December 14, 2000 — December 14, 2002

### **SELMA TO MONTGOMERY NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

#### **A. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION.**

The official designation of the committee is the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council (Council).

#### **B. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of the Council is to consult with the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) on the development of a comprehensive plan and other matters relating to the trail, including standards for erection of markers, interpretation and administration of the trail.

#### **C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

The duties of the Council are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph B above.

#### **D. MEMBERSHIP.**

1. The Council must not exceed 35 members and will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as follows:
  - a. The head of each Federal department or independent agency administering lands through which the trail route passes, or a designee;
  - b. A member to represent each State through which the trail passes, and such appointments will be made from recommendations of the Governors of such States; and
  - c. One or more members to represent private organizations, including corporate and individual landowners and land users, which, in the opinion of the Secretary, have an established and recognized interest in the trail. Such appointments will be made from recommendations of the heads of such organizations.
2. The Secretary may also appoint a non-voting representative of each bureau of the Department of the Interior that administers land through which the trail passes, provided that such bureau is not otherwise represented by a voting member of the Council.
3. Members will be appointed for 2-year terms. Vacancies on the Council will be filled in the same manner as original appointments. If no successor is appointed on or prior to the expiration of a member's term, then the incumbent member will continue to serve until the new appointment is made.
4. Any member who fails to attend three successive meetings of the Council or who otherwise fails to substantively participate in the work of the Council, may be removed by the Secretary and a replacement named.
5. All members will serve without salary. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of Council business approved by the Designated Federal Official, members will be reimbursed at current rates for travel and per diem expenses, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703, Title 5 of the United States Code.

E. ADMINISTRATION.

1. CHARTER. The Council is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994). The Council will take no action unless the filing requirements of sections 9(c) and 14(b) of FACA have been complied with. The Council is subject to rechartering every biennial anniversary of its December 14, 1998, establishment date (date first charter was filed). This charter is for the period December 14, 2000 to December 14, 2002.
2. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICIAL. The Council reports to the Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, Atlanta, Georgia. The Regional Director, or in the Regional Director's absence, a Federal employee designated by the Regional Director, will serve as the Designated Federal Official (DFO) for purposes of Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act to oversee the management of the Council.
3. CHAIRPERSON. The Secretary will designate one member to serve as chairperson.
4. QUORUM. A majority of the members appointed will constitute a quorum.
5. MEETINGS. The Council meets approximately two times a year upon the call of, or with the advance approval of, the Designated Federal Official and with an agenda approved by the Designated Federal Official. All meetings of the Council are subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
6. COMMITTEES. In carrying out its duties, the Council may form committees drawn in whole or in part from the full Council, provided that the role of such committees will be merely to provide information and recommendations for consideration by the full Council. Any such committees are to be chaired by a voting member of the Council. Membership on committees and meetings of committees are subject to approval by the Designated Federal Official.
7. SUPPORT AND COST. Support for the Council is provided by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The estimated annual operating cost of the Council is \$20,000, which includes the cost of 1/4 work-year of staff support.

F. DURATION AND DATE OF TERMINATION.

The Council will require approximately 10 years from the date of establishment to complete its work. The first charter for the Council was filed December 14, 1998, constituting the date of establishment. In accordance with the National Trails System Act, as amended, the Council will terminate December 14, 2008.

G. AUTHORITY.

The establishment of the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail Advisory Council is authorized by the National Trails System Act, 16 U.S.C. 1241 et seq, as amended, and Title V, Section 501 of Public Law 104-333, November 12, 1996.



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Secretary of the Interior

Date Signed

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